

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method for ~~the provision of~~ providing an individual device code for an electronic device (1), which is required for at least ~~the~~ a first commissioning of the device ~~code~~, whereby the device is inoperable without the individual device code of the device, ~~(1) without the individual device code of the device (1)~~

~~characterized by~~

~~the carrying out of the following procedural steps in the order mentioned~~ the method comprising  
the steps of:

[[ - ]]        electronically storing ~~electronic storage of~~ a device number and the  
              an appropriate device code in a database;

[[ - ]]        delivering ~~Delivery of~~ the device to a further processing site; and

[[ - ]]        enabling electronically reading out ~~Automatic electronic readout of~~  
the stored device code in conjunction with the device number from the  
database [[,]] for at least the first commissioning of the device only when  
~~whereby the previous or simultaneous electronic storage of a selected code~~  
number is provided ~~in the database~~ in conjunction with the device number  
~~is required for readout.~~

2. (Original) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device code (1) in the device 1 is stored in an unchangeable memory area (2) that cannot be read by outsiders.

3. (Original) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the code number is ~~the~~ an invoice number of a retailer.

4. (Original) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device code is stored in the database in conjunction with ~~the~~ an appropriate device number from ~~the~~ a manufacturer of the device.